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THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

BY DONNA SWARR

Did you know that the presidential election process doesn't actually end until December? The President and Vice President of the United States are, in fact, elected by the Electoral College. The Connecticut presidential electors are required to meet on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December to cast their ballots for President and Vice President per state statute. There are 538 electors from the fifty states and Washington, D.C. Electors are selected state-by-state, which is determined by their own state laws. Every state has X electors, where X = number of senators (2), plus the number of members in the House of Representatives. In other words, X is the total size of a state's Congressional delegation. The District of Columbia gets three, and in Connecticut we have seven electoral votes.

Who and what is an elector?

Electors in Connecticut are chosen at the State party convention. This method is the most commonly used practice for selection of presidential electors. Each party's state convention nominates electors from each Congressional district to vote for the national party's presidential and vice-presidential candidates. If there is a vacancy following the convention, it is filled by the central committee of the state party.

Forty-eight states and the District of Columbia have a winner-take-all practice that the Electoral College vote must follow. That means that a candidate who wins, say, 51% of the state's popular vote is awarded 100% of the state's electors. Maine and Nebraska allow electors to be split between parties, proportional to how their candidates won in different parts of the state. However, a selection of mixed-party electors has happened only twice: in Nebraska in 2008 and in Maine in 2016. There were several electors who voted in opposition to their state's popular vote for president in 2016. They have been referred to as 'faithless electors'. The Hamilton Electors movement in 2016 tried to find 37 Republican electors who were willing to vote for a different

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Groundbreaking for Development South of Baseball Stadium

After years of discussion, negotiations, planning and even court cases, the City of Hartford finally broke ground for the first phase of the new developments around Dunkin Donuts Stadium on Thursday, October 15. Phase I will be built on "Parcel C," just south of the stadium, and will consist of 270 studio, one-, and two-bedroom apartments, a ground-floor restaurant, retail and entertainment space, and a 330-space parking garage. Shown above are: Michael Freimuth, Executive Director of CRDA, City Treasurer Adam Cloud, former Mayor Pedro Segarra, Glendowlyn Thames, Deputy Commissioner of the State Department of Economic and Community Development, Randy Salvatore, President of RMS Companies, the developer of the project, Mayor Luke Bronin, State Treasurer Shawn Wooden, City Council members Maly Rosado, James Sanchez and John Gale and State Representative Edwin Vargas. (Hart photo)

Hartford...Once Upon a Time



This 1917 shot shows Morgan Street in Hartford's old East Side. Morgan Street is still with us, of course, but all of its buildings have been demolished. Only parking garages remain. The street stands below the junction of two of the state's main interstate highways (I-84 and I-91) and its intersection with Market Street has long been considered one of the most dangerous traffic intersections in Connecticut. One of the last vestiges of Hartford's old East Side was the Colonel William Cone Annex building, which was originally built in 1922 as an addition to the old Brown School. From 1953 until 1987, the building served as the headquarters of the Hartford Police Department. It also contained a courthouse and the city jail. After the police department moved to its new facility on Jennings Road, the building stood abandoned for a while but then was finally demolished. In the right background of this photo might be the back of the G. Fox Building. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford Public Library's Hartford Collection)

NEWS BRIEFS

Community Food Distribution October 22, 28 and 29

Hartford Is United will distribute boxes of food to Hartford families who are in need four times this month: today, October 22, from 10am-2pm at Howard K. Hill Funeral Home, 319 Barbour Street, Hartford; Thursday, October 22, and Wednesday, October 28, from 10am-2pm at Dillon Stadium, 250 Huyshope Avenue; and Thursday, October 29, from 10am-2pm at Phillips Metropolitan Church, 2500 Main Street. Limit one box per family; face masks are required. This food distribution is sponsored by The Prosperity Foundation, KIEDC, Hartford Renaissance District and many other community organizations.

Domestic Violence Awareness Walk Today

The Park Branch of Hartford Public Library, in partnership with the Hispanic Health Council, will host a Domestic Violence Awareness Walk on Thursday, October 22. The walk will start at 11 am at the Hispanic Health Council, 175 Main Street, and end at approximately 12 pm at the ArtBox, 769 Park Street.

Get Out and Vote Jamboree Saturday

On Saturday, October 24, Hartford Health Initiative, Inc. and several other community organizations will host a "Get Out and Vote Jamboree" from 12 - 3 pm in Keney Park (Woodland Street entrance). The event will also feature music, games, dance performances, free ice cream for the kids and COVID-19 testing.

Kamora's Corner Harvest Festival Saturday

A Black Art Sale and Bazaar will be held this Saturday, October 24, from 1-4 pm at Kamora's Corner, 75 Sterling Street in Hartford's Upper Albany neighborhood. Along with vendors there will be music, games and

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THE POWERS THAT BE

Define “emergency”: Is this it?

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIKIAN

From the current Charter of the City of Hartford:
Sec. 2. - Powers and duties of the mayor: In addition to the powers and duties specified elsewhere in this Charter or in the constitution and General Statutes, the mayor shall:
(p) Declare a public emergency that exists or threatens to arise involving or threatening the lives or property of inhabitants of the city or property of the city and mobilize, organize and direct the forces of the city and call upon and cooperate with the forces of the state and other political subdivisions thereof. The mayor may summon, marshal, deputize or otherwise employ other persons or do whatever the mayor may deem necessary for the purpose of meeting the emergency. The mayor may obligate the city in an amount of money not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to cope with such emergency until the council convenes. The termination of the emergency shall be determined and declared by the mayor, or by a vote of seven (7) members of the council.
After reading the posted weekly Compstat statistics from the HPD Crime Analysis Unit, the Year-to-Date totals for the week ending October 10th, 2020 revealed what many of us already know: Hartford is indeed in a state of emergency such as described above. The list included 19 murders; as of today, that number now stands at 21, already equaling the total for 2019.

Shooting incidents are listed as 180 during the same 9 ½ -month period, which is an increase of an astounding 54 % over last year’s total of 117. There are no statistics listed for vehicular injuries or homicides, but it’s pretty common knowledge that in several areas of the city both drivers and pedestrians are taking their lives in their hands in the face of out-of-control city streets where every traffic law imaginable is flouted hundreds of times on a daily basis with, little-to-no enforcement of said laws.
So yes, the current state of Hartford is a state of public emergency that has—and continues to--“...threaten the lives or property of inhabitants of the city...” Of that, there can be no doubt. I call on Mayor Bronin to exercise his powers per the City Charter to meet this emergency, and I call on the City Council to also take action according to the powers of their elected office. Empower and direct the Hartford Police Department to enforce the laws that are in place to protect our lives and property. I’m not talking about racial profiling or harassment, which are wrong by any standards. I’m talking about making our city and its people safer by actually putting some teeth into these laws instead of just some words on paper, or the meaningless rhetoric put forth at last week’s Town Hall. City residents deserve better—much better.

CRT seeks Artist to Create Mural in honor of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Following the Community Renewal Team’s (CRT) recent announcement that it is officially renaming its Women’s Empowerment Center in Hartford to honor the legacy of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the agency announced today that it is now soliciting proposals for the creation of a massive public mural on the side of the building where the Center is located (330 Market Street, Hartford).
Local artists are being encouraged to submit proposals for this project to “honor the legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and other women who have made significant contributions to the advancement of women.”
As noted in the Request for Proposal (RFP) document, which can be found on CRT’s website (www.crtct.org/en/business-solutions/vendors): “The mural will be a symbol of Women’s Empowerment anchored by a portrait of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. It will serve as a visual tribute to Justice Ginsburg and other women who have made significant contributions to the advancement of women. It will help to create a strong and positive image for the community.”
The deadline to submit proposals for this new mural in Hartford is November 20, 2020 by 1:00 p.m.

Project Details

Goal of the project: The goal of the Women’s Empowerment Center Mural Project is to honor the legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and other women who have made significant contributions to the advancement of women.
Design and Theme: The mural will be a symbol of Women’s Empowerment anchored by a portrait of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. It will serve as a visual tribute to Justice Ginsburg and other women who have made significant contributions to the advancement of women. It will help to create a strong and positive image for the community.
Mural Site Location & Specifications: The North facing site wall of 330 Market Street, Hartford CT is approximately 105 feet long and is a brick structure. The artist’s canvas will be the space between the first

floor and second floor windows. The artist will have the whole side of the building as their canvas. If the vision of the artist includes wrapping, the mural around the building this will considered considering the design.
Selection Process: CRT will review all submittals in conformance with the RFP. After a selection has been made, CRT will enter into a contract with the artist or team of artists.
Deadline: Complete proposals are due Nov. 20, 2020 by 1:00 pm and should be emailed to: crt-bids@crtct.org
Artists will:
• Develop a distinct painted mural artwork that communicates and promotes women (of all ages and cultures) within the character and spirit of women’s empowerment – through the use of design, color and a variety of subject matter for public viewing of all ages and cultures.
• The mural will feature a prominent portrait of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, with dissent collar, Judge Sonia Sotomayor and former first lady Michelle Obama.
• Generate a work that is artistically engaging and sufficiently stimulating to ignite conversation and evoke appreciation by the general public.
• Design a work that fits well within the context of the site (i.e. scale and theme).
• Use materials of the highest quality, designed and fabricated for all weather durability for at least 20 years, as well as for low maintenance – and including the application of an anti-graffiti protective coating/sealant.
• Complete project within the specified period of time and within budget.
For more information about this advisory, please contact: Jason Black, Communications Director @ 860-230-4535 or via email: blackj@crtct.org



Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues Facing our Region & State

BY MIKE MCGARRY

Gently in Manner, Strongly in Deed

This motto, carved in wood, sat on the desk of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, leaves us breathless when we think of the situation we are in now.
We suggest that those interested in public policy at any level read, *How Ike Led*, by Susan Eisenhower. We who were kids at the time – the fabled 1950s – remember a different world of pick-up baseball, paper routes, the mass in Latin and black-and-white television. Life was slower but still infinitely interesting. Boy scout hikes and outings, trips to the movies and double feature movies introduced us to this big wide world and all were cheap enough to be within the budget of any kid who collected enough bottles, cans, rags and papers.
Ike was also the 1950s. Calm and forthright in a variety of crises, he never sought to blame anyone else or make any excuses for his well thought out decisions. The long game, fact-based actions and a talent for envisioning the “big picture” marked eight years of relative peace and prosperity for our country.
And, let’s face it, neither of the two candidates for president this year gives us much hope of providing the kind of leadership that Ike did.
Can you imagine either of the two current candidates saying, “It is essential in the [geopolitical] struggle that the world know something about our good intentions, latent strength and respect for the rights of others.” Today, we are disgraced by a leader who violates every word of that comment – and many doubt his opponent can even think that deeply.
Even Barry Goldwater, far to the political right of Ike, said (during the U-2 crisis), “Ike took the heat, grinned and kept his mouth shut.” Today our leader shouts down underlings publicly and walks out on major interviews.

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Larson Meets with MUAV

On Thursday, October 8, U.S. Congressman John Larson (above, right) attended a community meeting held by Mother’s United Against Violence (MUAV) at 2550 Main Street in Hartford’s North End. Larson is shown speaking with Xiomara Rosa, whose son, Alexis Ortiz, was fatally shot in broad daylight on Fairfield Avenue. At center is Henrietta Beckman, co-founder of MUAV, whose son Randy was killed over a decade ago. During his remarks, Larson praised Beckman and other MUAV members for “turning their grief into action” and promised to continue his fight in congress for stricter and more effective gun control laws. Among the other speakers was Sharon McKinney (below) who gazed skyward as she described her grief over the fatal shooting of her son, Anthony Swaby, on Holcomb Street in March of this year. (Hart photos)



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Love Your Block Plantings

On Saturday, October 17, the City of Hartford's Love Your Block (LYB) program coordinated two flower plantings. In the morning, Boy Scout Troop 105 planted bulbs at the New Britain Avenue Triangle (intersection of Fairfield Avenue, Zion Street and New Britain Avenue). Shown above are scouts Cole Farnham, Danny Carrero, Jr. and Nelson Mendez with Assistant Scoutmaster Mike Mendez, Scoutmaster Danny Carrero, Sr. and Madeleine Hykes of Love Your Block. In the afternoon, a second planting was held at the corner of Marshall Street and Farmington Avenue. The work was carried out by neighborhood residents and teens from the Hartford Youth Service Corps, including Mya Moses (below). In the next few weeks, the Love Your Block program will start planting several Hartford Community Hope Gardens, a community engagement initiative to commemorate Hartford residents who have passed away due to COVID-19. These gardens will be composed of yellow daffodils that will be planted at gateway locations around the entire city. Several NRZs and Park Friends' Groups are organizing the plantings. Anyone interested in volunteering can call Hartford 311 or email to loveyourblock@hartford.gov for more information. A planting at the Dwight Library (corner of New Park Avenue and Park Street) will be held today, October 22, and plantings in the Clay-Arsenal and Southwest/Behind the Rocks neighborhoods will follow on Saturday, October 24. Finally, at 10 am on Saturday, November 7, there will be a planting in Colt Park. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Colt Memorial Statue off of Wethersfield Ave. Bring a trowel if you have one. Parking along the street across from the park. You must register to participate due to COVID-19 restrictions. All attendees must wear a mask. The group will be limited to 12. Email donnaswarr@gmail.com if you would like to help out. (Hart photos)



Open Studio Hartford Going Virtual, Artists Sought

For over 30 years, Open Studio Hartford (OSH), has been anticipated by artists in and around the capital city. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, 2020 marks the first time OSH, the largest city-wide arts collaborative in the area, was in danger of missing an annual edition. The expansive event provides a place for artists to show their work to thousands of visitors, sell artwork and custom services, nurture dedicated followers and develop new relationships. In each recent year, 400 artists have participated in dozens of venues bringing thousands of visitors to Hartford's neighborhoods. "We received a lot of encouragement from dedicated artists to make Open Studio Hartford a reality in this uncertain time," says Cynthia Bulaong, Executive Director. "It is always a tightly-packed spectacle, in fact boasting its face-to-face experience, and



certainly not an event that would pass the rules and regulations we are all facing. We hope to provide as many artist benefits as possible in an online format." The reinvented OSH features a brand-new Online Gallery with images that link to attractive Artist Profiles. These dedicated pages include artwork with captions, contact information, biographies and artist statements, links to



existing online content, prices and sales. Also new will be links to videos with artist interviews, studio tours and demonstrations. New features on the website and in marketing are focused on increasing audience numbers by giving visitors the freedom to browse an Online Gallery and discover new talent at their convenience. Artists will be available without the effort involved in studio visits, setting up a space as a visiting artist or manning the event for an entire weekend. By-appointment, in-person visits are optional for the artist. Virtual participation is open to artists of all skill levels, ages, media and genre in an un-juried format. Individual artists and crafters, artist groups, students and

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Barbour Library Health Fair October 27

Hartford Public Library’s Barbour branch will hold a public health fair on Tuesday, October 27 from 12 to 3 on at Unity Plaza, 261 Barbour Street. In addition, the library will be distributing boxes of shelf-stable food donated by Cigna.

“In the North End and Northeastern parts of Hartford health is a big issue,” said Irene Blean, Barbour Library manager. “It’s my goal to help people become more educated in terms of their health. We can’t even approach

enriching things with customers without addressing their basic life needs.” In the past, Barbour Library has offered nutrition classes and Blean helped facilitate a farmer’s market across the street from the Albany Library.

Among the local health organizations scheduled to participate in the health fair are Trinity Health of New England, University of Connecticut, Department of Nutrition Science, Urban League of Greater Hartford, Connecticut and

University of Connecticut, School of Social Work.

In addition, the Library on Wheels will be there to distribute free books, HPL’s school choice coordinator to provide parents with school sign up information, and a representative from Hartford Next handling voter registration. Artist Jacqueline Bright will provide jewelry kits for men and women that can be done at home.

For more information about Hartford Public Library, visit www.hplct.org.

Jazz Society Fundraiser

The Hartford Jazz Society (HJS) is proud to present our 60th Anniversary Concert and Fundraiser, Friday November 13, 7-9pm on HJS Facebook Live. Our special guest is trombonist/seashellist Steve Turre. Mr Turre will be leading an all-star sextet with: Orion Turre, drums; Wallace Roney Jr., trumpet; Emilio Modeste, tenor saxophone; Isaiah Thompson, piano; and Corcoran Holt, acoustic bass.

This event is also serving as our annual fundraiser, with all donations going towards our programming and scholarship activities. Please donate now, during the event or afterwards at: hartfordjazzsociety.com/donate/

Like the recent PBMNJ Concerts, all concerts in this Fall series can be viewed on the Hartford Jazz Society facebook page (note: you do not have to be a FB subscriber to view these events).

Facebook members should LIKE the HJS page to make sure you are notified for all the events. If you would like to support the Hartford Jazz Society to fund streaming concerts, please consider making a donation or becoming a member.

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Electoral College

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Republican in an effort to deny Donald Trump a majority in the Electoral College and force an election in the House of Representatives. Three of the votes were invalidated under the faithless elector laws in their states; the elector either had to change their vote in favor of the pledged candidate or was replaced by someone who did. This occurred in Washington, Hawaii, Texas, Colorado, Maine, and

Minnesota.

There are 33 states and the District of Columbia that have laws which require electors to vote for the candidate of the party that nominated the elector, or require the elector to sign a pledge to do so. Some go even further. Oklahoma imposes a civil penalty of \$1,000; in North Carolina, the fine is \$500 and the faithless elector is seen to have resigned, and a replacement is appointed. In South Carolina, an elector who violates

this or her pledge is subject to criminal penalties, and in New Mexico a violation is a fourth-degree felony. In Michigan and Utah, a candidate who fails to vote as required is considered to have resigned, and a replacement is appointed. There are sixteen states which do not change the ‘faithless electors’ vote. Connecticut’s law states that by statute an elector is committed to vote as follows: “Each elector shall cast his ballots for the candidates under whose name he ran on the official election ballot...” In addition, Connecticut requires replacement electors to “cast his ballots for the candidates to whom the elector he is replacing was pledged.”

So when you read about the popular vote across the United States favoring a candidate, keep in mind that it is the candidate with the popular vote by state who will get those Electoral College votes, with the exception on Nebraska and Maine, that will determine the outcome of the election.



Your voice matters.
Make sure it’s heard.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3.
Go to hfpg.org/vote to make sure you’re registered and learn about absentee voting.

Trinity College Radio Fundraiser

Trinity College’s WRTC-FM has been broadcasting since 1947 when it went on air as the first non-commercial station in the metro-Hartford area.

On a weekly basis, the station airs 60-plus programs and prides itself on being truly live with no pre-recorded shows thanks to a dedicated group of Trinity students and community volunteers. Program styles run the gamut from jazz, rock, gospel, classical and funk to reggae, blues, soul, country and Latin.

When the Covid-19 pandemic hit earlier in the year, WRTC continued broadcasting and remained the lone non-commercial station in Connecticut to be “live” on the air, 24/7 while other outlets reverted to airing pre-recorded programs. To this day, most non-commercial stations in the state remain on “auto pilot.”

WRTC is currently holding its annual fundraising marathon, which ends October 31. Donations can be made via check payable to “WRTC Marathon” and mailed to WRTC, 300 Summit St. Hartford, CT 06106, or by going to www.wrtcfm.com and clicking the DONATE tab to access the secure Trinity College donation site.

The Hartford Foundation is proud to support the voter engagement and Census participation work of the following organizations in 2020:

- Advocacy to Legacy

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Statues Also Die

New Exhibit at RAW Imagines New Monuments

All across the country people are rethinking monuments. Over the summer, statues of Confederate soldiers and European colonizers toppled one after the other. In Hartford, the statue of Christopher Columbus across from the state capitol was removed by city workers with no ceremony.

In the midst of this national conversation, Real Art Ways is presenting *Statues Also Die*, an exhibition that brings together a group of local and nationally known artists, who reckon with the monuments we have inherited, and envision future monuments that transform the way our country's histories are told.

Curated by Sarah Fritchey, *Statues Also Die* will be on view from October 25 - January 21, 2021. Gallery hours are Thursday - Saturday from 11- 3 PM. There will be a reception on Sunday, Nov. 8 from 1:30 - 3:30 PM. Real Art Ways is at 56 Arbor St. in Hartford.

Featured artists are: Rebecca Belmore, Cassils, Nick Cave, Nona Faustine, Doreen Garner, Xandra Ibarra, Nate Lewis, Jeffrey Meris, Paper Monuments, Paul Ramirez Jonas, Lee Mixashawn Rozie and Marisa Williamson.

The exhibition has a participatory component, as well. The public is invited to imagine new monuments through an open call for proposals. Submissions will be included in the exhibition, and will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the exhibition closes.

The artists in the show use various strategies to question and reimagine monuments. Some tear monuments down, erase them, or pull bodies apart; some put their own bodies in the work, highlighting the viewer/subject relationship; and others use performance, storytelling, and community participation. Fritchey said, "The exhibition raises questions about our commemorative practices and their manifestations of power. Why have we invested so much in these symbols as a nation? Whose voices have been forgotten, marginalized or suppressed? How can we reshape our memorial landscapes to include more diverse narratives?"

For more information, go to: realartways.com.

Open Studios

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educational institutions, arts organizations, art-related businesses, performing artists and other creative places are welcome.

Instead of weekend events, the website will launch in November and remain active through the end of the year. Registration is only \$25 and no deadline applies. If you cannot afford your fee, ART may be able to help.

To register, visit openstudiohartford.com or contact Event Coordinator, Cynthia Bulaong, at 860-560-1100 or info@openstudiohartford.com.

Tree Planted to Mark Mother's Hope of Finding Son Who Vanished in 2011

On October 21, 2011, Angel Garcia went off for a ride near the Connecticut River on his red Honda dirtbike. His family and friends have not seen him since.

Volunteers conducted searches of the areas where Angel liked to go riding. Hartford Police searched for Garcia on foot, by boat and by helicopter. His disappearance has been publicized nationally. But nine years later, police and Angel's friends and family still don't know what happened to him despite all their efforts.

On Tuesday, October 20, the City of Hartford, the Hartford Police Department planted a "Tree of Hope" donated by KNOX, Inc. in Pope Park, near where Angel lived.

The hope of finding Angel burns brightest in the heart of his mother, Laura Suazo.

At Tuesday's tree planting, she said, "I want to thank God for giving me the strength to be able to stand tall 9 years later and still full of hope. 3,285 days that still when I hear the phone or the doorbell my quick prayer is 'God let this be the day' that's 3,285 nights telling



(Left) Laura Suazo helps plant a tree in Pope Park as a symbol of hope and to remind the community that her son, Angel Garcia, is still missing. Garcia was last seen in October, 2011.

(Below) Friends and family of Garcia search for him in Keney Park shortly after he went missing in October, 2011. Searchers wore flyers on their back with Garcia's photo. Anyone with information about the disappearance of Angel Garcia is asked to call the tips line at 860-722-8477 (TIPS). (Hart photos)

myself 'tomorrow is a new day for miracles' and still counting. I want to thank my family, friends, the community and the Facebook family for all your unconditional support. My strength not only comes from God but it also comes from each and every one of you. Thank you. Thank you to City Council President Maly Rosado and City officials along with our City Forester Heather Dionne and the partners at KNOX, Inc. for

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Techstars and Launc[H]artford Virtual Startup Week Is On

Techstars Startup Week Hartford, a celebration of entrepreneurs and innovators throughout greater Hartford, was initially slated to be held in late March. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the free five-day event cosponsored by Launch[H]artford and Techstars is now being held-held in a fully virtual format this week, through Friday, October 23rd.

Techstars Startup Week Hartford will tap into the power of innova-

tion to empower the entrepreneurial community throughout Hartford. The first-of-its-kind event in Hartford is designed for both seasoned and first-time entrepreneurs, as well as community members, to connect in ways that bring new possibilities and projects to life, and to launch programs that link industry experts with technology pioneers. Through a series of networking events, expert-led seminars, and creativity workshops, Techstars Startup Week Hartford aims to connect the next wave of talent to a whole new set of career opportunities in Hartford.

Attendees can participate in as many, or as few, of the virtual sessions as desired during the five-day virtual conference. The sessions will provide engaging content along with the opportunity to network with thousands of entrepreneurs, investors and industry leaders.

“Launc[H] is proud to sponsor the very first Startup Week Hartford. This event series offers emerging entrepreneurs in Hartford the best of both worlds: content developed by those who are committed to our community and the ability to tap into Techstars’ global network of expertise. Hartford has a strong history of innovation, and what’s ahead of us is perhaps the most exciting yet,” said Michelle Cote, director of Launch[H]artford. “Events like these help to strengthen our community’s position as the fastest-growing hub of innovation on the East Coast.”

Roughly 70 speakers from the community will join seven "track

captains" who are charged with developing the educational content and virtual community meet-ups for various industry sectors.

The Techstars Startup Week Hartford track captains, participating based on their deep ties within Hartford's entrepreneurial community, include: Eric Brown of CBIA, Sarah Bodley of reSET, Christopher Day of First Line Consulting, Nathan Eusko of Verti Insurance, Laura Dinan Haber of Nassau Financial Group, Jeffrey Orszak of CONNSTEP, and Alice Margie Turner of Urban Tekk, LLC.

Techstars Startup Week Hartford partners include Launc[H], Hartford’s innovation community leader, and Stanley Black & Decker, which serves as a Techstars partner through the STANLEY + Techstars Accelerator.

Startup Week Hartford builds upon Techstars' growing history of working in the Hartford community and its commitment to advancing manufacturing, sustainability, and entrepreneurship through the STANLEY + Techstars Accelerator. In October 2019, the accelerator held a Demo Day event featuring founders of 10 innovative companies, which drew nearly 500 attendees. Governor Ned Lamont, Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin and Stanley Black & Decker CEO Jim Loree were among the speakers at the widely-attended event.

Tree Planting for Missing Man

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making this all possible on such short notice. I also want to thank the Hartford Police Department for such an outstanding job during the searches and a special thank you to Sergeant Tony Rikowski who has been there with me throughout this journey the past 9 years. Thank you for not giving up on my son and I and for always checking up on me.”

Suazo ended by pleading for anyone with information about her son’s disappearance to come forward and relay what they know to the Hartford Police, even if they do it anonymously.

On Tuesday, Hartford Police release the following statement on

the disappearance of Angel. “No mother should have to go through what Angel Garcia’s mother Laura has endured over the past nine years. We at Hartford Police Department remain committed in finding the answers into Angel’s disappearance. Investigators have remained persistent in the investigation, and we thank Angel’s mother Laura for her efforts, strength and tireless devotion. Investigators and supervisors assigned to the case remain in constant contact with Laura, and this symbolic tree will help remind us all that Angel’s disappearance will never be forgotten.”

Anyone with information about the disappearance of Angel Garcia is asked to call the tips line at 860-722-8477 (TIPS).

Mike McGarry

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As this sad campaign grinds to a sickening end, our hope is that the game is definitively over by 10pm on election night.

However, let’s hope that the “middle way” espoused by Ike will be taken up by our new leader. Most of us on the “hard right” who can’t bring themselves to vote for either guy, at least understand that a politician who has seen it all over a long career can hold off his own “McCarthys of the left” and those who would discard order for self-serving chaos.

We hope four years from now that a sensible, conservative Republican – who knows how to pick his words correctly and stand by them – will

have evolved and bring the “Grand Old Party” back to the bedrock values of Eisenhower, Teddy Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.

Jazz Concert

Hartford Jazz Guitarist Sinan Bakir will perform a live concerts at V’s Tratorria, 280 Trumbull Street, Downtown Hartford, from 2-3 pm this Saturday, October 24. Baker will play the music of the legendary Djano Reinhardt as well as tunes from the Great American Songbook and some of his own creations. The concert is free to restaurant patrons and is sponsored by Hartford Blooms Heritage Tours. Call 860-422-7937 for more information.

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numerousgive-aways, including bath sachets by Schanell, light-up chotchkie for the kids created by Jodene Minnis and Amy Fichman, Libra sodas and of course, books!

KNOX Clean-up of Area Around Doc Hurley Statue October 31

Join KNOX and the Hartford Chamber of Commerce this Halloween, Saturday, October 31st

in cleaning and beautifying the green space surrounding Hartford's historical Walter "Doc" Hurley statue, located at the Woodland Street Entrance of Keney Park. Registration opens at 9:30 am, and the event will begin promptly at 10:00 am. Volunteers will engage in: litter pickup, park and street clean up, and removal of fallen branches. Light refreshments will be provided. Social distancing is encouraged and face masks are required to participate. For more information email or call or email Ashley Stewart, Director of Programs at (860)-951-7694.



Artistic Oil Drums in Bushnell Park

On Saturday, October 17, the Bushnell Park Foundation hosted an oil drum painting party for city youngsters, who were guided in their artistic creations by local artists and teachers. Among those participating wereAshley Black, Shawnae Chavies, Shyila Chavies, Genesis Loman, Skylar Boisture, and Ginette Christie. The project, which is part of the foundation's Community Engagement Programs and was funded by the Charles Nelson Robinson Fund, will continue this Saturday, October 24, in Bushnell Park from 10am - 1 pm. (Hart photo)

Free WiFi at Good Shepherd Church

The Church of the Good Shepherd is offering free outdoor WiFi to students. Wifi is available on the south side of the church building next to the parking lot. The church address is 155 Wylls Street in the Coltsville neighborhood of Hartford. Connection information is posted next to the parking lot. Signal strength is adequate to be used from a car parked in the lot. There are canopies on the church lawn that can be used for shelter in case of rain.

HPL Seeks Musicians for Baby Grand Jazz Series

Hartford Public Library is accepting submissions for its 2021 Baby Grand Jazz series, which runs 16 Sundays from January through April. These popular free concerts have been a staple of Hartford Public Library since 2004. Ensembles must include a pianist who will play the Library's grand piano. HPL will livestream the concerts on HPL's Facebook and YouTube channel. These will be virtual performances, no live audience.The library is accepting rolling submissions; deadline for the 2021 series is October 16th 2020. For information about the Baby Grand Jazz series, visit hplct.org/classes-seminars-exhibits/baby-grand-jazz

Urban League Trunk Or Treat Party Oct. 30

Children and teens who live in Hartford, Conn. are invited to a fun, free outdoor event that includes the safe distribution of candy. The Urban League of Greater Hartford will present its first-ever "Trunk or Treat" on Friday, October 30 – the day before Halloween – from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Urban League's office at 140 Woodland St. (corner of Woodland St. and Sergeant St.) in Hartford, Conn.

In case of rain, the event will be held on Friday, November 6 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All (including adults) are encouraged to come in costume.

Decorated cars and booths – hosted by community organizations, companies and individuals – will safely distribute prepackaged candy and treats in a tailgate-style. Featured will be a deejay, Double-Dutch jump rope demonstrations, children's books giveaway, an arts & crafts booth, selfie photo oppor-



tunities, a variety of prizes, and the first ever, ULGH costume parade.

Attendees should wear masks throughout the entirety of the event (masks also will be available for those who need), cars and booths will be socially distanced, and COVID-19 safety protocols will be observed.

Pre-registration online is recommended at Eventbrite at https://ulghtrunkortreat.eventbrite.com or call 860-527-0147 ext. 160.

When registering, choose one of four different entry times: 4:00 p.m.; 4:30 p.m.; 5:00 p.m.; or 5:30 p.m. All young children should be accompanied by an adult. Parade times are 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

To volunteer to help at the event, donate candy or giveaways, make a contribution to the Urban League, or to get more information about the Trunk or Treat event, call the Urban League of Greater Hartford at 860-527-0147 ext. 160.

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Escuelas de Hartford continuarán con clases en persona pese a casos de Covid-19 dentro de los salones de clase

Las Escuelas Públicas de Hartford continuarán con el modelo de aprendizaje actual, aunque los funcionarios de la ciudad están monitoreando las métricas del coronavirus y han dicho que están preparados para cambiar las escuelas a un modelo de aprendizaje híbrido si es necesario.

Los funcionarios de la ciudad habían advertido sobre un aumento en los casos de COVID-19 la semana pasada y dijeron que si las métricas continuaban en tendencia ascendente, trasladarían las escuelas de la ciudad a un modelo de aprendizaje híbrido. Sin embargo, ayer lunes las autoridades dijeron que los indicadores de COVID-19 se mantuvieron estables durante la semana del 5 de octubre, en comparación con la semana anterior, y que solo ha habido un caso sospechoso de transmisión dentro de un aula desde que comenzaron las clases. Con base en esa información, los funcionarios de la ciudad dijeron que las escuelas permanecerán en el horario actual para la semana del 19 de octubre, aunque monitorearán para ver si se necesitan cambios para la semana del 26 de octubre.

En una conferencia de prensa el lunes, el alcalde de Hartford, Luke Bronin, dijo que están tratando de equilibrar el riesgo para la salud pública con el impacto y la "profunda interrupción" que tendría el sacar a los estudiantes del modelo actual en los aproximadamente 7,000 estudiantes que actualmente asisten en persona.

"No hay una respuesta fácil aquí, son situaciones difíciles", dijo Bronin a los periodistas. Bronin dijo que si bien las cifras son más altas que a principios de septiembre y agosto, parecen ser estables esta semana. También señaló que los estudiantes del Trinity College que dan positivo en la prueba están incluidos en los

números de Hartford y, con los excluidos, la ciudad vio una tendencia más estable de casos de COVID-19 en lugar de una acelerada. Los funcionarios de la ciudad pueden decidir evaluar semana a semana para que puedan tener en cuenta los datos más recientes.

"Nuestra prioridad continúa siendo brindar instrucción y apoyo en persona a diario a nuestros estudiantes hermosos y capaces, y después de examinar cuidadosamente las métricas de salud y evaluar lo que hemos visto en nuestras escuelas hasta ahora, continuaremos operando en el modelo actual a través de la semana que viene", dijo la superintendente Dra. Leslie Torres-Rodríguez en un comunicado. "Continuaremos trabajando en estrecha colaboración con nuestros expertos en salud y monitoreando los datos todos los días y estamos preparados para hacer la transición en nuestros modelos de entrega de instrucción cuando sea necesario en base a la totalidad de la evidencia. Estamos muy agradecidos con nuestros estudiantes, familias, maestros y todo el equipo de las Escuelas Públicas de Hartford por trabajar con nosotros para construir y mantener un ambiente seguro y saludable para el aprendizaje".

Actualmente en Hartford, los estudiantes de preK-9 están trabajando bajo un modelo de aprendizaje en persona, mientras que los estudiantes de 10-12 están en un modelo de aprendizaje híbrido, con la excepción de las familias que solicitaron específicamente el aprendizaje remoto. Los funcionarios escolares dijeron la semana pasada que si el distrito cambiara, pondría a los estudiantes de pre-K-9 en un modelo híbrido donde solo asisten a clases en persona dos días a la semana, y 10-12 pasarían al aprendizaje remoto. *By Iris Rodriguez*

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By Iris Rodriguez



Los líderes de la ciudad celebran un ayuntamiento virtual para discutir el aumento de la violencia en Hartford

Los líderes de Hartford realizaron un ayuntamiento virtual el sábado para abordar la seguridad pública, ya que la ciudad continúa experimentando un aumento en la violencia con armas de fuego.

Las autoridades dicen que generalmente se observa un aumento de la violencia en los meses de verano, pero a mediados de octubre es motivo de mayor preocupación.

"Hemos estado experimentando un aumento inusual y severo de violencia armada durante las últimas seis semanas a dos meses", dijo el alcalde Luke Bronin. Los líderes de la ciudad destacaron varios factores que creen que pueden estar detrás de la violencia, incluida la pandemia de coronavirus.

"Estamos en un momento de enorme incertidumbre, disturbios e interrupciones a nivel nacional y no hay forma de cuantificar ni de estar seguros de cómo influye eso en nuestra comunidad o en cualquier comunidad", dijo Bronin.

El Sindicato de Policía de Hartford lo culpa a la incertidumbre en torno al proyecto de ley de responsabilidad policial recientemente aprobado, y dice que los oficiales han dado un paso atrás. Sin embargo, los líderes del departamento aseguraron a la comunidad que los oficiales han estado trabajando igual de duro.

"Los hombres y mujeres del departamento de policía de Hartford trabajan incansablemente día tras día por la seguridad pública de esta

comunidad. Están ahí fuera, no han cambiado. Están en la comunidad, están haciendo los arrestos, están haciendo su trabajo", dijo el subjefe Rafael Medina.

Para abordar la violencia, se están realizando varios cambios, incluido el aumento de las patrullas para vigilar los autos robados, que los funcionarios dicen que están relacionados en gran medida con otros delitos.

"Hemos visto un aumento de aproximadamente un 22% en los robos de automóviles, pero también hemos visto un aumento del 21% en los arrestos por robo de automóviles", dijo el jefe Jason Thody.

La Policía del Estado de Connecticut también está interviniendo para ayudar a Hartford. Desde el grupo de trabajo de narcóticos hasta los soldados en las rampas de entrada y salida de la autopista. Los grupos comunitarios también han intensificado sus esfuerzos. Mothers United Against Violence pasó la noche en los vecindarios hablando directamente con la comunidad. Salimos y tratamos de alentar a la gente a que no cometa actos violentos, hable con la comunidad. Eso es lo más importante que puede hacer, encontrarse con ellos donde están porque mucha gente no los conoce donde están". hablarles desde lejos", dijo el reverendo Henry Brown. Los acontecimientos recientes han hecho mella en los grupos, pero están comprometidos con su objetivo.

"Estamos tratando de detener esto para que podamos vivir en paz, eso es lo que queremos, queremos que nuestros vecindarios estén seguros", dijo Brown.

El alcalde Bronin también destacó que debido a la pandemia, las operaciones judiciales se han suspendido y ha habido una supervisión limitada de las personas en libertad condicional que también señala esos posibles factores. *By Iris Rodriguez*

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